

TRIBUTE TO ARMY LIEUTENANT
ROBERT COLVILL

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on July 8, 2004, Army Lieutenant Robert Colvill of Anderson, Indiana, lost his life while fighting to defend America and liberate Iraq. He and three other soldiers died as a result of wounds suffered during a terrorist car bombing and mortar attack.

Mr. Colvill was a hero who believed in this great nation. In the ninth grade, he determined that he would serve his country in the Marine Corps. And so, after graduating from Madison Heights High School in 1991, he joined the Marines. He then retired after 8 years of service having become a Sergeant. But his passion for fighting for his country was too much to ignore and Mr. Colvill enlisted in the United States Army after only a year as a civilian.

I think Mayor Kevin Smith of Anderson, Indiana said it best, stating, "Soldiers such as Lieutenant Colvill exemplify the best of the United States of America; men and women of ideals and who are unafraid to fight for freedom for themselves, their country and other peoples of the world."

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Robert Colvill is a hero whose service and sacrifice brought freedom to 25 million Iraqis. Memory of his sacrifice will forever be emblazoned on the hearts of two grateful nations.

I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, Chris; his two sons, Zachary and Travis; his stepdaughter, Suzanne; his father, Robert Colvill; his mother, Anita Walker; his stepfather, Danny Walker; his sister, Angela Seward; his sister, Melanie Watkins-Smith; and his brother-in-law, Barton Smith.

NEBRASKA CITY TO REVEL IN
HISTORY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the following article from the June 13, 2004, Omaha World-Herald. The article highlights the activities related to Nebraska City, Nebraska's 150th birthday celebration as well as the community's role in the commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. July will certainly be a special month for this historic and energetic city.

This Member looks forward to participating in the grand opening of the Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitors Center.

[From the Sunday World-Herald, June 13, 2004]

NEBRASKA CITY TO REVEL IN HISTORY
THE TOWN WILL MARK ITS 150TH BIRTHDAY AND
THE LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL IN JULY
(By Paul Hammel)

Nebraska City will be "celebration central" this July.

The Missouri River town not only is planning a 150th birthday celebration for itself

but also has several events scheduled in conjunction with the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

"We're going to be very tired when its over" said Jessica Jones, tourism director for Nebraska City.

The sesquicentennial celebration, scheduled July 9 through 11, will include a vintage parade, a style show of pioneer petticoats and a re-enactment of staking out the town on July 10, 1854.

A traveling tent show for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial will visit Nebraska City from July 16 through 19.

The town's annual "Bagel Days" celebration—in conjunction, with a local bagel plant—is scheduled July 17 through 18, as is the Table Creek Art Festival.

Then, on July 23 through 25, the St. Charles Keelboat Expedition—a re-creation of Lewis and Clark's trek upriver—will dock in town and present programs.

The month of events closes July 30 with the grand opening of the city's new Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center on a bluff overlooking the river.

"We hope to attract some people who have never been to Nebraska City before," Jones said.

Sesquicentennial events include a celebration of the 135th anniversary of the founding of the Nebraska City public schools, demonstrations of pioneer crafts, and special cancellation of mail.

On July 9, a dance featuring the band Average Joe is scheduled at the Eagles Club.

A "vintage" parade is scheduled at 10 a.m. July 10, ending at Nuckolls Park, where there will be a re-enactment of the driving of the stakes declaring the boundaries of Nebraska City.

On July 10 and 11, the Mayhew Cabin will host a unique style show, "Petticoats for a Prairie Wedding," featuring a pioneer lingerie and a double wedding involving Civil War bridegrooms.

For more information, contact the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce at (402) 873-3000, or visit www.nebraskacity.com.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID
KAMENSHINE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to David Kamenshine and thank him for his work as a Passport Services Agent with Northeast Passport Agency. His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

David Kamenshine started working for the United States federal government in 1969 with the Defense Department. Twenty years later, in October of 1989, he moved over to the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services at the Northeast Passport Center in New York City. David diligently served his employer and was transferred to the New York Passport Agency in February of 1994 when the Northeast Passport Agency was merged into the New York Passport Agency. David has held several positions during his time with Passport Services, each time dedicating himself to providing the very best

service for traveling customers. He assumed his current position as Customer Service Manager in 1996.

During my tenure in the United States Congress, David provided exceptional service to constituents of the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. He worked hard to ensure that inquiries on behalf of my constituents submitted to the Northeast Passport Agency were addressed in a timely and thorough manner. David routinely demonstrated a willingness to assist beyond the standard response, demonstrating a genuine concern for the constituent while upholding the policies of the Northeast Passport Agency.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that David Kamenshine has been an invaluable resource to many Americans. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like David. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Northeast Passport Agency and constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH PAEZ

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and praise a hard-working man dedicated to supporting the community. I am fortunate that the community he supports is Hernando County in my 5th Congressional District.

Joseph Raphael Paez was born in New York City on August 17, 1944. Joe served in the Army National Guard of New Jersey and Connecticut for a term of six years. He married and is the proud father of four grown children.

He joined the Hernando County Sheriff's office in 1976 and served in many capacities during his tenure. Joe was promoted to Lieutenant in January 1993 and was assigned to Operations Support—a group helping officers living with job related trauma.

Joe is retiring from the Sheriff's Department as the Public Information Officer for Sheriff Richard B. Nugent and should be honored for his service and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to represent Joe Paez, and I am proud to praise him on the floor of this House.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GAIL SCHULZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Gail Schulz and thank her for her work as the Branch Manager of the Social Security Administration in Durango, Colorado. Her years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Coloradans, I am grateful for all that she has accomplished during her years of service.

Gail began her career with the Social Security Office in Idaho Falls and later moved to Durango where she eventually became the Branch Manager of the Durango Social Security Office in September 1995. She is retiring this July, having served over 32 years with the Social Security Administration.

Gail is dedicated to her job and her employees. She has high expectations of herself and her staff. Gail stresses the importance that claimants receive all the considerations to which they are entitled. She is also an active member of her community and involved with La Plata County Quilter's Guild and the Archeological Society.

During my tenure in the United States Congress, Gail Schulz provided exceptional service to constituents of the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. She worked hard to ensure that inquiries on behalf of my constituents submitted to the Social Security Administration were addressed in a timely and thorough manner. Gail routinely demonstrated a willingness to assist beyond the standard response, demonstrating a genuine concern for the constituent while upholding the policies of the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Gail Schulz has been an invaluable resource to the Social Security Administration. It is my honor to recognize her service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Gail. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment she has given to the Social Security Administration and the constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for her years of enthusiastic service.

CONGRATULATING THE HOSPITALS OF THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it's official. The July 12 issue of U.S. News and World Report has named Houston's MD Anderson Cancer Center as the number one cancer treatment facility in the nation. Since 1941, MD Anderson has consistently delivered on its mission to provide innovative and compassionate treatment, cutting-edge research and educational outreach with regard to both common and rare cancers.

MD Anderson's clinical research program is the largest in the nation, allowing more than 11,000 patients access to promising and innovative therapies and diagnostic tests in 2003. This stellar reputation has attracted more than 600,000 cancer patients from all corners of the U.S. to Houston for the multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment pioneered by MD Anderson, which has since become the established method of cancer treatment in all hospitals today.

MD Anderson is part of Houston's Texas Medical Center, which is comprised of more than thirty academic, research and patient care institutions delivering top-notch medical care to Texans and the thousands of Americans who flock to Houston each year to be treated by the best. And the recent rankings

by U.S. News and World Report prove that the Texas Medical Center continues to offer some of the best medical care in the country.

In gynecology, both MD Anderson and Methodist Hospital rank within the top twenty-five health centers for women's health. Ranking fourth in the nation, the Texas Children's Hospital continues to lead the way in pediatric care. Both the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's and Methodist Hospital rank in the top twenty for the treatment of heart disease and heart surgery. Methodist also ranks number ten in neurology and neurosurgery, and in the top forty for orthopedics.

Two hospitals in the Texas Medical Center rank within the top fifteen in urology, with MD Anderson holding the number ten spot and Methodist ranking number thirteen. Methodist shares top billing with Memorial Hermann in the treatment of kidney diseases, with both hospitals ranking in the top fifty for this specialty. Both kidney diseases and hormonal disorders are complications of the rising diabetes epidemic, and the rankings also recognized Memorial Hermann as a top hospital for endocrinology.

These rankings prove what Houstonians have known all along—the Texas Medical Center is armed with the research, treatment and patient care options to help Americans tackle whatever health condition ails them. I am extremely proud to have the Texas Medical Center in Houston and congratulate all of its hospitals on this national recognition and on all of their many accomplishments in health care.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LESLIE KEERY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Leslie Keery of Rifle, Colorado, for her dedication to the students of Rifle High School. As an art instructor, Leslie has positively impacted the lives of both her colleagues and students. Leslie is aiding kids in developing their artistic and creative skills for use in future careers and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing her before this body of Congress and this nation for her dedication to her students and her success in the classroom.

Leslie was recently honored with the local Walmart Teacher of the Year Award; that is awarded based upon the written essays of students and staff members. Her recognition as a special teacher was also complemented with a one thousand dollar donation to the art department, an opportunity to compete for the state competition and a nomination for the national Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, Leslie Keery has done much to enrich the lives of the students at Rifle High School and her community, and I am honored to bring her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation. Congratulations on your award Leslie, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING DESIREE G. ROGERS

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Desiree G. Rogers on being elected President of People's Gas and North Shore Gas, two utility subsidiaries of People's Energy Corporation.

People's Energy has, for 150 years, been committed to providing gas service to residential and business consumers in northeastern Illinois. Today, it serves an estimated one million people in Chicago and northeastern Illinois.

Based on Ms. Rogers' immense contributions to People's Energy since joining in 1997, I am confident that Ms. Rogers' new role will prove to be very beneficial to the company. In the past, Ms. Rogers has exhibited tremendous leadership skills by successfully taking on many of the company's difficult tasks.

As president of People's Gas and North Shore Gas, Ms. Rogers will have responsibility over the utilities' field operations, customer functions, and gas supply management. She will also continue to be in charge of customer relations, an area in which she has demonstrated to be very experienced.

As the former senior vice president of Customer Service of the utilities, Ms. Rogers was able to improve the company's financial results while establishing strong customer ties. Ms. Rogers first joined the company in 1997 as Vice President of Communications, and was named Chief Marketing Officer in 2000. She oversaw community affairs and governmental relations, in addition to operations and marketing of the company's utilities.

Ms. Rogers' leadership extends beyond her work with People's Energy. She is involved in several community organizations, including the Lincoln Park Zoo, of which she is the Vice Chairman, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Executives' Club of Chicago. She was also the chairman of the Chicago Children's Museum for 3 years. Ms. Rogers has admirably used her success as a means to contribute to philanthropic organizations, such as the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization, of which she is a trustee. Ms. Rogers' contributions to the Chicago community are truly commendable.

Once again, I would like to congratulate Desiree Rogers on her well deserved promotion to President of People's Gas and North Shore Gas, and wish her and the company continued success in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PAM WILSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Pam Wilson and thank her for her work as Fire Information Officer with the San Juan Lands Center, a joint office of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in Durango, Colorado. Her years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of